

Commissioners,

After carefully examining and considering the merits of CW(Morse) as a prerequisite for licensed Amateur HF radio operation in the U.S. as well as myriad documents and comments from both sides of the issue, I support the elimination of the code requirement for the following reasons:

1. No evidence exists that Morse proficiency is an indicator of a desirable, motivated or better qualified operator.
2. The Morse code requirement serves as an advancement barrier to many otherwise qualified individuals.
3. The value of Morse code communications in the Amateur Service is primarily recreational in nature and manual telegraphy proficiency should no longer be a compulsory licensing requirement for any class of Amateur Radio license.

Thank you for your attention.

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